

Express Mail Label No.: EV 525 254 835 US Date: June 29, 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

In re Application of

Nathalie NORAIS et al.

Serial No.: 10/535,168

Confirmation No.: 5751

Filed: November 17, 2003 as
PCT/IB2003/06281

Examiner: Unassigned

For: UNEXPECTED SURFACE PROTEINS IN NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS

**STATEMENT TO SUPPORT FILING AND SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37
C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825**

Commissioner for Patents – Mail Stop PCT
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

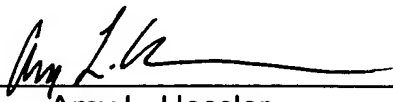
In connection with the computer readable form (CRF) of the Sequence
Listing submitted concurrently herewith, the undersigned hereby states that:

1. the submission, filed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (g),
does not include new matter;
2. the content of the attached computer readable copy of the Sequence
Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (e), is identical
to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed on May 16, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

June 29, 2006

By:


Amy L. Hessler
Reg. No. 50,310

NOVARTIS VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTICS, INC.
Intellectual Property – R338
P.O. Box 8097
Emeryville, CA 94608
(510) 923-3833 (510) 655-3542 (Fax)